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MORE STRIKES?

LATEST HOME LABOUR UNREST.

MINERS' WAGES DEMANDS.

TRANSPORT WORKERS FRESH CLAIMS.

(Reuter's General Service.)

LONDON, March 12.
A joint committee representing mining employers and the Miners' Federation again discussed the miners' wages demands.
The owners definitely offered to increase the minimum wage to thirty per cent above the 1914 rate and to revise the ratio of proceeds paid to wages and profits making the proportions 85 and 15 respectively. A delegate conference of the miners will be held to-morrow to consider the offer. The demand of the Transport Workers' Union for an increase of wages for seventeen thousand London tramwaymen to the extent of 8/- a week was the subject of critical discussions in London to-day.

Strike action possibly involving the busmen and underground railwaymen is threatened following a settlement.

NAVAL POWER.

LATEST COMPARATIVE FIGURES.

LOOKING AHEAD.

LONDON, March 12.
In the house of Commons, replying to Lord Curzon, Mr. C. G. Ammon, parliamentary secretary to the Admiralty, stated that the numbers of cruisers and submarines respectively on the effective list of the countries named were as follows:

	cruisers	submarines
Britain	48	61
United States	29	115
Japan	28	44
France	16	48
The numbers on April 1, 1929 will be		
Britain	22	31
United States	10	122
Japan	40	79
France	16	60

FRENCH POLITICS.

GENERAL ELECTION THREAT.

LEFTISTS DEFY PREMIER.

PARIS, March 12.
The Left parties have decided that if the Government prorogue the Chamber of Deputies instead of having a general election all the Left Senators and Deputies will resign en bloc and submit their case to the country.

[Earlier cables state that there is reason to believe that the Government is considering the postponement of the elections for six months or a year, in view of the alleged offensive against the franc. It is reported that M. Millerand favours the idea.]

BOMB PLOT.

BRITISH LEGATION ATTEMPT.

ATHENS OUTRAGE.

ATHENS, March 12.
Following the explosion of a bomb at the entrance to the British Legation early in the morning without casualties, five dynamite cartridges were found outside the Rumanian Legation but there was no time to fire them.
The Republican Government believes the bomb was thrown in order to discredit the Government.

PREMIER APOLOGISES.

ATHENS, March 12.
M. Papanastasiou, who has just completed his Cabinet, hurried to the British Legation and expressed regret for the bomb outrage, which only damaged the marble steps and door. A number of workmen have been arrested.

FREE STATE ARMY MUTINY.

LONDON, March 12.
Speaking in the Dail, Mr. Cosgrave (Premier of the Irish Free State) intimated that the Executive was appointing a Cabinet committee to enquire into administration of the army.

ISLAM'S NEW HEAD.

JERUSALEM, March 13.
King Hussein has accepted the Caliphate from the Palestine delegates.

THEATRE ROYAL.

HAWAIIAN TROUBADOURS.

TO-NIGHT.

To-night at the Theatre Royal Kahe's Troupadours will make their bow to the Hongkong public. The success of Mr. Kahe's last company must be fresh in the public mind, and no doubt a bumper house will welcome the company to-night. Mr. Kahe on his arrival this morning said that this will probably be the last

Hongkong will see of the Hawaiians for many years to come. According to present plans, he is taking his company to Europe at the conclusion of the Eastern tour, and after playing seasons in all the various capitals it is his intention to return to Hawaii via America. "I have been perfectly delighted by the reception we have received right through the East, and it encourages us to do our best," said Mr. Kahe. "I hope that Hongkong will derive some pleasure from our visit. We believe in cultivating smiles, you know, and when we see a smiling audience, that tells us that we have been successful and everybody is happy. Our season in Hongkong is necessarily a short one on account of forward bookings, but we are giving you a change of programme nightly."

A European named K. Keith was sentenced to one month's hard labour by Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Magistracy to-day, for absconding himself from the House of Detention.

WHISKY AND DOPE.

ROYAL MAIL STEAMER SEIZED.

FORFEITURE PROCEEDINGS.

EIGHT PERSONS UNDER ARREST.

(Reuter's American Service.)

NEW YORK, March 12.
Government agents have seized the Royal Mail steamer "Orduna" on a charge of violation of the customs, prohibition, and narcotic laws.

Eight persons have been arrested including the chief steward.

The affair is connected with the seizure of \$10,000 worth of whisky and morphine alleged to have been landed by members of the crew.

LATER.

The "Orduna" has been placed in the custody of Treasury depot guards, but the unloading of the cargo has not been interrupted.

It is stated that forfeiture proceedings are being brought immediately.

ABANDONED.

SUGAR STEAMER LOST.

ONE LIFEBOAT SAVED.

NEW YORK, March 12.

Lloyds report that the American steamer "Santiago" from Cuba to New York with a cargo of sugar has been abandoned 60 miles south of Havana.

One lifeboat containing ten men has been picked up by a Norwegian steamer. There is no trace of the remainder of the crew.

LESS COSTLY ARMY.

AMERICA'S ECONOMIES.

WASHINGTON, March 12.

The Army appropriation bill contemplates an expenditure of \$10,224,000 less than last year. It recommends the maintenance of the regular army at the present strength.

WITHOUT A GOVERNMENT.

WASHINGTON, March 12.

The death of President Gutierrez was announced yesterday and the consequent increased activities of the revolutionary factions have left Honduras for the time being without a Government. Diplomatic representatives have succeeded in arranging a 71-hour armistice.

ANOTHER SCANDAL?

WASHINGTON, March 12.

The Senate has ordered an enquiry by the select committee into the administration of the Bureau of Internal Revenue.

FRANC UP AGAIN.

USEFUL LONDON CREDIT.

\$5,000,000 FOR A YEAR.

LONDON, March 12.

The French franc steadily appreciated to 102.90 and closed at 103.37.

The Belgian franc rallied to 120.75 and closed at 125.25.

LONDON, March 12.

The improvement of the franc, which now stands at 108, is attributed partly to the arrangement in London of the acceptance of a credit of \$5,000,000 in favour of the French Government.

The credit, in which a number of leading London banks and financial houses are participating, will run for twelve months and be covered by a deposit of National Defence bonds and it will be backed by the guarantee of the Bank of France.

ANOTHER HELPING HAND.

(Reuter's American Service.)

NEW YORK, March 12.

American bankers, headed by Morgans, have established a credit of \$100,000,000 in favour of the Banque of France.

TAXING BETTING.

LONDON, March 12.

The House of Lords carried a resolution by 57 votes to 15 that taxation of betting is desirable and practicable.

Lord Arnold for the Government, opposed the motion.

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NOTICE OF CALL.

Issue of 95,000 Shares of the Nominal Value of \$10 each, (\$7.50 paid up).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Final Call of \$2.50 per Share, on each of the 95,000 Shares allotted on the 15th day of November, 1922, has been made by the Company, and that such call will be payable to the Company's Bankers, The Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, in Hongkong, on the 15th day of March, 1924.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 8th to 15th March, both days inclusive. For and on behalf of the Hongkong Engineering & Construction Co., Ltd.

S. COURTNEY COOK, Secretary.
Dated this 22nd day of February, 1924.

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Office of the Company, 2, Queen's Building, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 20th March 1924, at Noon, for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1923.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be closed from the 8th to the 20th March 1924 (both days inclusive).

By Order of the Board of Directors,
R. M. DYER,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 4th March, 1924.

THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI HOTELS, LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong & Shanghai Hotels, Limited, will be held at The Hongkong Hotel, Pedder Street, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 22nd March, 1924, at 11.30 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors for the year ended the 31st December, 1923, confirming the appointment of Directors, and re-electing a Director and the Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from Friday the 14th March 1924 until Saturday the 22nd March 1924, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
PERCY H. SUCKLING,
Secretary.
Hongkong 6th March, 1924.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTY-FIFTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the Underwriting, on THURSDAY, the 27th March, 1924, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December 1923.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 13th to the 27th March 1924, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
(General Managers).
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, 4th March, 1924.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above Company will be held at the Company's Offices 20, Des Voeux Road Central on SATURDAY 29th of March 1924 at 11 a.m.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 15th of March to 29th of March, both days inclusive.

DOUGLAS LARRAIK & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 8th March 1924.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY.

NOTICE.

THE FORTY-SIXTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the Offices of the General Agents, Pedder Street, on MONDAY, the 31st March 1924, at 11.00 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December 1923.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th to 31st March, 1924, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
General Agents.
Hongkong, 10th March, 1924.

INTIMATIONS.

NOTICE.

H.K. DOG AND CAT SHOW.

By kind permission of the Officer Commanding the Hongkong Defence Corps, a Show will be held in the Parade Ground on Saturday 15th March at 2 p.m. There will be classes for all kinds of dogs, including cross-breeds and puppies, also litters of puppies. If sufficient entries are received there will be classes for cats also.

Entry forms may be had from the undersigned.
Entries close on Tuesday 11th inst. at 5 p.m. and intending competitors are notified that owing to the trouble in compiling the catalogue no entries can possibly be accepted after that date.

B. L. FROST,
Hon. Secretary & Treasurer.
c/o The E. Ex. Telegraph Co.

NOTICE.

THE FOURTH ANNUAL DINNER of Queen's College Old Boys' Association will take place on SATURDAY, 15th March at 8 p.m. in the Hall of Queen's College. Members are requested to send in their subscription, before 12th inst. The minimum charge is \$3.

Members intending to invite guests are requested to notify Mr. C. Choa, Asia Banking Corporation, or the undersigned.

H. C. HUNT,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 7th March, 1924.

NOTICE.

THE interest and responsibility of Mr. John Scott Harston in our firm ceased on the 6th March 1924. DEACON HARSTON & SHENTON, Hongkong, 7th March, 1924.

NOTICE.

WE have admitted Mr. Reginald Frederick Mattingly a partner in our firm as from the 6th March 1924. DEACON HARSTON & SHENTON, Hongkong, 7th March, 1924.

NOTICE.

THE business of Solicitors and Notaries Public, heretofore carried on by us under the style of Deacon, Harston & Shenton, will, as from to-day's date, be carried on under the style of Deacons.

DEACON HARSTON & SHENTON, Hongkong, 7th March, 1924.

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Printed Forms of Tender and further particulars can be obtained at the R. N. Hospital.
The right to reject the lowest or any tender is reserved.
R. N. Hospital, Hongkong, 12th March, 1924.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS and Conditions of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 17th day of March, 1924, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of CROWN LAND at Tsimi in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from the 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King for one further term of 24 years—less three days.

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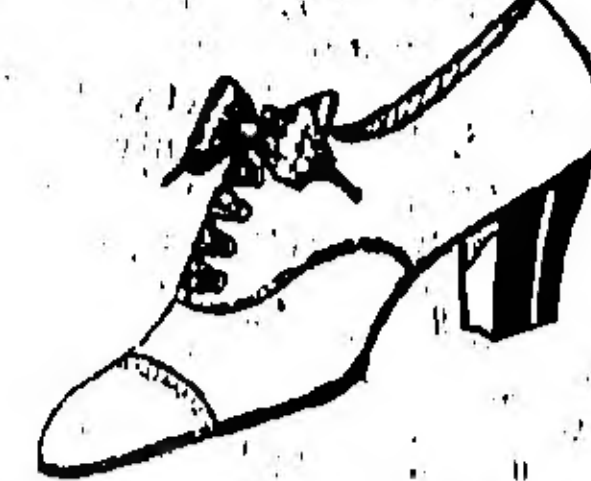
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H. M. McTAVISH,
Hon. Secretary.
CHINA SUGAR REFINERY.
Hongkong, 4th March, 1924.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

DRAFT PROGRAMMES and ENTRY FORMS for the First Extra Race Meeting to be held on the 20th March (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Race Course, Hongkong Club and Causeway Bay Stables.

Entries close on 15th March 1924.

BILLIARDS.

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Hongkong, 6th March, 1924.

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FOUR DEGREES OF MURDER. DEATH PENALTY.

After discussing—in "Judgment of Death" (Collins, 16s.)—alike ably and impartially and with ample regard to ancient practice and recent controversy, the "propriety" of inflicting the extreme punishment on criminals, Mr. E. Bowen-Rowlands surveys this subject on his reader—what the himself cannot make up his mind.

I am compelled to admit that I am unable to decide definitely one way or the other. I have done my best to come to a definite conclusion, but I cannot.

On the one hand Mr. Bowen-Rowlands declares himself impressed by the opinions of the many distinguished men who have declared with no uncertain voice that the punishment of death is the sole deterrent of certain kinds of criminals and therefore is an indispensable punishment.

On the other hand, I am urged by the knowledge that the punishment of death has not been proved to be indispensable, even by such authorities as we would be necessary to the conviction of a man for killing a fellow human being.

Seeing a basis for suggestions which, if carried into effect, would be enforced in this country, would be a large extent satisfy the more reasonable of the objectors who oppose its use, the author finds it in his own inclination towards continuance of the punishment for one crime—Murder.

Too much for one man. His proposal is—it is largely the practice in the United States—that we should accept the view that the guilt of murder is a question of degrees.

I suggest that on the return of a verdict of guilty the jury should specify the class in which they place the convicted, and that judgment of death should be passed only in the case of a crime within the first class—deliberate and unprovoked unlawful homicide.

His second class provides for those who, under provocation by word or deed, turn to themselves or to others whom they have a legal or moral right to protect, kill in circumstances which show that the provocation caused them to lose self-control.

The third class specifies a class of crime which at present affords the dignity of the law.

The solemn force played by judges in sentencing the survivor of a suicide agreement to death is unworthy of any system of law.

Infanticide by mothers who, while sane, are not fully responsible for their conduct comprises the fourth class. Crimes in the last three classes, he declares, although murder, run very near to manslaughter.

A further condition for which Mr. Bowen-Rowlands stipulates is that the royal prerogative of pardon, both conditional and free, should be taken away from the Home Secretary and be vested in a board consisting of himself and three other members, who should not be members of the Civil Service. The onus of the prerogative, he urges, is too much to be borne by one man—often a layman—with the assistance of a subordinate official.

As regards women, his view is that if death is an indispensable deterrent, it is so equally for them as for men.

Decidedly this stimulating book brings fresh fuel to a controversy which is already burning.

CREATOR ON THE STAGE.

STORM OF PROTESTS EVOKED AT LEEDS.

The presentation of the Creator in a mystery play at Leeds has evoked a storm of protest. The play is by a German, Herr Hofmannsthal, and the Almighty is resplendent in robes of shining gold and wears a gorgeous crown. The producer is Miss Edith Craig, daughter of Miss Ellen Terry, and the performances are given under the auspices of the Leeds Art Theatre. With the Bishop of Ripon, Lord Halifax was a member of the audience which was composed largely of clergymen.

The play opened in darkness, the only sound being the voices of an invisible choir heard faintly to an organ accompaniment. Suddenly there was the clatter of incense, and then gradually the church was suffused with a dim blue light revealing statues and stables, ghostly figures in vestments, moving quickly and silently up and down the side aisles of the church which had been converted to a stage heavily draped with multi-coloured curtains. While they stood expectantly outside the Master's door a magnificent, arrogant figure in purple robes—Miss Kathleen Ellis—representing the World, swept down the main aisle, followed by her minions, Curiosity and Death.

Faintly, almost imperceptibly, a light appeared inside the altar screen, and then suddenly the man who was "God" (in the play) was revealed, bathed in golden radiance. He appointed the World to prepare a play, and Death to be stage manager. There was darkness again, when the stage was taken by characters in shrouds of greenish line representing disembodied souls from whom the actors were chosen. The Angel representing the World gave kindly advice to the King, sumptuous grows to the Rich man, an axe to the Poor man, costly fabrics for Beauty, nurse's robes for Wisdom, and stars for the Beggar. But when the soul of the Beggar saw his part which meant misery after misery he rebelled. Then followed the great climax of the play. The Beggar was about to kill the Angel when seraphic figures appeared singing psalm with angelic voices, while the great burst forth with joyous melody and the stage was flooded with light. He accepted his part and fell on his knees in prayer.

After a brief pause the stage was darkened and there was a grotesque dance by Death, an eerie figure, before he dismissed the souls. The Creator appeared again in the final scene to bless the actors, now ghosts, for the parts they had played, with the exception of the rich man who lay prostrate on the edge of the stage ignored by the souls that had been saved.

DEFAMING THE DEAD.

SLAIN PRIEST ACCUSED OF ARMS DEALING.

The Asiatic News Agency, in a message from Peking dated January 21, says:—

According to the report of General Ma Fu-shiang, the Roman Catholic priest at Haikou, Suiyuan, was killed by his own soldiers. The cavalry battalion of the Regt. most stationed at Suiyuan has hitherto been especially anxious to afford protection to the Roman Catholic churches at Haikou, and other districts, and the command was surprised to learn that the church at Haikou was looted and the priest murdered, since there was no trace of any hand in the neighbourhood.

Major Shih Chieh, commander of the 1st battalion, at once instituted an investigation on his arrival, and has now submitted to the General Government what he discovered. Before the incident there were more than 100 rifles in store in the church building, thus attracting the attention of the bandits. Most of the members of the church are well-known ex-bundlers and secret society men, mostly members of the Kuo-chung and Tai-chai, trying to bully the innocent people and defy local authorities. Some of them even had grudges against the murdered priest. On the day when the church was celebrating Christmas, four of them entered the residence of this priest and after murdering him took away 60 rifles and all valuables they could collect. Thus the cause of the death of this Roman Catholic priest is due to the fact that he kept in store a large quantity of arms.

According to Treaty a Church may keep one revolver and two rifles for hunting purposes; and therefore it is suspected that the priest might have been dealing in arms, which would yield large profits. In conclusion, the memorial of Major Shih Chieh states that the Chinese local authorities are not at all responsible for the life of this priest, and an explanation should be demanded from the Belgian and French Legations of the arms kept in the Roman Catholic Church in Suiyuan.

fore he dismissed the souls. The Creator appeared again in the final scene to bless the actors, now ghosts, for the parts they had played, with the exception of the rich man who lay prostrate on the edge of the stage ignored by the souls that had been saved.

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ECONOMIC PARALYSIS?

Were it not that Russia is now fast rehabilitating herself—especially since Britain has conceded recognition—those who remember Mr. H. G. Wells's vision of economic paralysis slowly creeping westwards across Europe might well despair over the collapse of the franc. First it was the rouble, they could have said, toppling madly down, soon to drag with it the mark and the kronen. Now it is the franc. What will it be next? Sterling, still shaky after the war, and even the mighty dollar itself? Although these direful forebodings have the alarmist tinge, they are not altogether without just grounds. Even though the franc has not been allowed to slide too far, the French Government promising drastic salvage measures, all the other European exchanges have felt the cold blast, not excepting Sterling which had begun to regain its old vigour with public confidence in the new Government gaining ground every day. Therefore it must be patent to everyone that Anatole France never spoke a truer word than when he pointed out—that the world is now an economic whole.

All wars, as he says, are now civil wars. This vital fact applies with even quicker effect to finance than it does to politics. Accordingly, however little sympathy one may feel with the Continental programme that has brought France into her present perilous financial pass, however much one might like to exclaim "Told you so!" now that the mark's fate is threatening the franc, one still remembers that French economic chaos resulting from deranged currency would come as a staggering blow to Europe's slowly returning prosperity, with terrible consequences not only for ourselves but for the whole world. Certainly any further drastic decline in the franc might conceivably compel France to alter her unwise Ruhr policy and cease granting huge military loans to Central European States before making the slightest effort to meet her heavy obligations to Britain. But the cost would be utterly ruinous; and, anyway, the same ends can be achieved, as our Labour Government's recent steps have shown, by frank and amicable means. Consequently it behoves every civilised nation, sentiment entirely apart, to give all assistance possible to save France from the abyss opening at her feet, lest any sudden disaster now not only destroy what little progress has been made with some of Europe's sadly broken currencies but also "drag down

those which have managed to weather the financial storm. France herself, of course, must bear the main brunt of the fray. That she is prepared to do this, latest cables seem to show. Hitherto we have not been told what are the salvage measures that the Government has adopted, but we hope they include a frank avowal that the Ruhr policy has failed, for without that it will be impossible to get the country to accept the proposed twenty per cent. increase in taxation, so glowing have been the promises of a rich return from this costly military adventure. Until France has increased her taxation the great lending Powers must regard her professions or good faith with considerable doubt, and that vitally needed assistance will not be forthcoming. That bitter experience is bringing this home seems clear from recent cables. Overcast though the outlook may appear, it is not, consequently, entirely without its shining ray of hope.

Rights Of An Audience.

One wonders where the rights of an audience at a public entertainment begin and end. The public, which pays, has a right to call for the time, it is true. But an audience owes it to itself and the management to behave in such a way that it can hear the time when it is played. There is a tendency among modern audiences for a section which lives in a state of bored superiority to express indifference and contempt for a performance by talking, laughing, and generally interfering with the pleasure of the humbler and simpler-minded people, who would enjoy the entertainment if allowed to listen. The management which tries hard to cater for the pleasure and comfort of its patrons has the right to take steps to suppress acts of rowdiness, but the conduct referred to does not come within that category. On the pillars of some stately churches appears an admonition to keep silence. Probably a pleasantly-worded request on the programme of a house of amusement that each member of the audience should endeavour to secure a perfect hearing for himself and his neighbours might effect a reformation.

Causing A Rumpus.

When a volatile statesman discusses without reserve matters of grave international consequence with an enterprising journalist, and does not take the precaution to put an embargo on the publication of the conversation or insist upon exercising a censorship over the journalist's copy, that copy is liable to prove highly combustible. The alleged interview with Mr. Lloyd George, which Mr. Harold Spender telegraphed to the New York "Herald" the other day, comes very near to being of this character. The subject of the published conversation between the statesman and the journalist was the Peace Conference, and the seriousness of the report lies in its crediting Mr. Lloyd George with having said, among other things: "I have only just discovered that during my absence in London Mr. Clemenceau and Mr. Wilson signed a secret compact," which compact, as an earlier part of the interview indicates, had to do with the proposal for France's 15 years' occupation of the Rhine frontier. As might have been expected, the publication of this interview came near to setting not only England and France but two continents by the ears. The ex-British Premier concerned, however, has repudiated the offending interview, has ridiculed the idea of a secret treaty, and credits President Wilson with unimpeachable loyalty. Mr. Spender, on the other hand, merely says, in effect, that Mr. Lloyd George did not "authorise" the statement, and that whatever indiscretion attaches to its publication is his, and not the ex-Premier's.

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burgled and where they keep a dog, invariably affirm that the dog has not turned a hair or a tail during the proceedings. Generally the dog is a nuisance. He makes night hideous with his howls, frightens perfectly innocent people, and generally is neither use nor ornament. The lavish attention meted out to him might very well be directed elsewhere, and the soft things which some women use in addressing their "daws," might very well be curtailed. If dogs could only speak instead of howl and bark, what stories might not be told. . . . Obviously this has been written by someone who hasn't got a dog but lives alongside people who have.

The "last will and testament" as a vehicle of leaving deprecatory or appreciative opinions or messages, is well known. We are thus interested in the will of the late Colonel William Frederick Noel, R.E., who embodied in the general wording of his testament the following:—

"I desire to state and place upon record that all my children have behaved well to me, and my three sons have served their country with some distinction, and I am thankful to be able to say so."

Unsolicited testimonials are invariably the best and although the children of the late gallant Colonel may not like the publicity thus given to their virtues, it must be a satisfaction that a father finds nothing wrong to report of them.

It will come as cause for surprise that any one engaged in stock exchange transactions should be interested in singing—and in good singing at that. In days that are past the London Stock Exchange had a male voice-choir and also an orchestra who were wont to give many evenings of musical delight. After an enforced silence the choir is once more in being and of sufficient calibre to fill a large London Hall with voice and audience. When our local exchange reaches the magnitude of its London opposite we may expect to see things happen. Men who are able to spin a tale should find no difficulty in singing a song.

January tenth has been allowed to go by unhonoured and unsung. Born in 1840 Penny Post has failed to elicit the usual "many happy returns" common to many less important birthdays. Before Sir Rowland Hill's reform, to send a letter from Edinburgh to London cost above a shilling; the letter being simply a piece of paper folded with a blank for direction and fastened by a seal. Postmen collected postage on delivery, which allowed for various crafty dodges to avoid charges. A country clergyman tells a story of paying three or four shillings for a poor woman who had told the postman that she could not afford to take in her soldier son's letter. The sheet was a blank piece of paper; merely sent, and not intended to be paid for, as a sign—pre-arranged—that the soldier was alive and well. Penny postage has had its advantages but there are probably scores of men, the victims of breach-of-promise cases, who probably wish that its benefits had occurred after their thought twice in inditing love epistles costing so much to post as "above a shilling."

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To-day's Poem.
(Evening Clouds.)
Silent are the woods, and the dim green boughs are
Hushed in the twilight: yonder,
In the path through
The apple orchard, is a tired plough-boy
Calling the cows home.

A bright white star blinks, the pale moon rounds, but
Still the red, lurid wreckage of the sunset
Smoulders in smoky fire, and
burns on
The misty hill-tops.

Ghostly it grows, and darker, the burning
Fades into smoke, and now the gusty oaks are
A silent army of phantoms
throbbing
A land of shadows.

—From Poems and Plays of John Masefield.

WEATHER CALENDAR.

MARCH 13.

1664. It being foul weather I staid within, and so to my office, and there all the morning reading some Common Law, to which I will allot a little time now and then.—Pepys.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised In The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENT'S.

March 13.—Coronet Theatre: Pola Negri in "Gypsy Blood."
March 13.—Star Theatre: Conrad Nagel in "The Fighting Chance."
March 13.—World Theatre: Ethel Clayton in "Can a Woman Love Twice?"
March 13.—Theatre Royal: Grand Orchestral Concert, 9.15 p.m.

March 14.—Coronet Theatre: Baby Peggy in "The Darling of New York."
March 14.—Theatre Royal: farewell return visit of Kail's Hawaiian Troubadours, 9.15 p.m.
March 16.—Star Theatre: "Doug Fairbanks in 'Mollycoddle'."
March 29.—Theatre Royal: Grand Concert, 9.15 p.m.

SOCIAL.
March 13.—Musical at Helena May Institute, 6.30 p.m.

March 15.—Fourth annual dinner of Queen's College Old Boys' Assn., 8 p.m.

March 17.—Hongkong Football Club dinner in the Hongkong Hotel, 7.30 p.m.

March 17.—Grand Carnival (dinner and dance) in Hongkong Hotel Grill Rooms, 8 p.m. to midnight.
April 2.—St. Andrew's Fete in the Church Hall and grounds, Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.

SPORT.
March 29.—H.K. Jockey Club extra race meeting.

LAND SALE.
March 17.—At P.W.D. Offices one lot of Crown Land at Tsing I, 3 p.m.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.
March 17.—Lammert Bros. at No. 12 East Point Terrace, household furniture, etc., 2.30 p.m.

March 18.—Lammert Bros., at Sales Rooms, Duddell Street, electric furnace, etc., etc., Noon.

COMPANY MEETINGS.
March 14.—Extraordinary general meeting of the Hongkong Land Reclamation Co., Ltd., at Messrs. Jardine Matheson's Offices, 11.30 a.m.

March 15.—A. S. Watson & Co., thirty-ninth annual meeting at the Hongkong Hotel, 11 a.m.

March 20.—Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., ordinary yearly meeting at 2, Queen's Building, noon.

March 22.—Yearly Meeting of Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels Ltd., 11.30 a.m.

March 27.—Fifty-fifth meeting of shareholders of the H.K. Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., at Messrs. Jardine Matheson's offices, noon.

March 29.—Further extraordinary general meeting of the Hongkong Land Reclamation Co., Ltd., at Messrs. Jardine Matheson's Offices, 11 a.m.

March 29.—Ordinary Meeting of Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd., at Company's offices 20, Des Voeux Road, 11 a.m.

March 31.—Forty-sixth annual meeting of shareholders of the China Sugar Refining Co., at Messrs. Jardine Matheson's Offices, 11 a.m.

DOG AND CAT SHOW.
March 15.—In the Parade Ground, H.K. Dog and Cat Show, 2 p.m.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Incoming West River steamers bring news of the floating of the a.s. "Ko Chow" which went ashore near Samshul and was struck fast some weeks ago.

Following a quarrel with her husband, a Chinese woman jumped into the harbour from Shamshul ferry wharf yesterday. She was afterwards taken to the Government Civil Hospital.

Damage estimated at \$250 was caused yesterday by a fire in a builder's match in Tungchow Street, Shamshul. Careless coolies who threw lighted matches about are blamed for the blaze.

The Hongkong Billiard Association, under the auspices of the Victoria Recreation Club is giving a smoking concert on Friday evening, March 21, on the occasion of the presentation of the billiard shield.

Vernacular papers state that a number of Chinese naval rivercraft have had signs put up, when alongside the Canton bund, offering to take passengers, at fares, to Po Lo. This is taken to indicate entry into the passenger and ferry business.

A Chinese who said he was a tringer to the Colony and did not know its laws was fined \$100 at the Police Court to-day for having been unlawfully in possession of two rounds of ammunition. The Magistrate (Mr. E. W. Hamilton) said he would have to pay for his carelessness.

The Bishop of Victoria and the members of the Victoria Diocesan Association are giving an at home in the City Hall tomorrow afternoon, for Hongkong people to meet the Rt. Rev. Bishop F. R. Graves, D.D., Shanghai, and the Rt. Rev. Bishop P. L. Norris, D.D., Peking, Chairman and Secretary, respectively, of the Chang Hua Sheng Kung Hui.

Those attending to-night's Orchestral Concert are asked kindly to note the following: As soon as H. E. the Governor and Lady Stubbs, and party from Government House, are in their seats, the National Anthem will be played, and almost immediately the concert will commence. Those who are unable to be in their seats at the commencement of the programme are asked to wait until the conclusion of the item being played before occupying their seats.

Founder's Day was celebrated by students and old boys of St. Stephen's College yesterday afternoon with a sports symkhana of nine events. Prizes were distributed by Miss Lau, niece of the manager of the Merchants' Bank. Mr. Ng Sze Kwong (chairman), thanked Miss Lau for presenting the prizes. The band of the East Surreys played musical selections. A dinner was held at the Yee Woo Restaurant at night and was a most successful function.

The exchange case in which Mr. J. Mody, a retired broker, is being sued by the Bank of East Asia for \$10,000, was continued at the Supreme Court this morning before the Chief Justice (Sir William Rees Davies K.C.). Mr. Campbell Prosser resumed his case for the defence and occupied the whole session. He contended that the arrangement arrived at by the banks whereby payment would not be made until a certain definite event had occurred was not bound in law. The Chief Justice, in criticising Mr. Potter's submission regarding the distinction between the original contract and the alleged variation of contract said that such distinction was so subtle that he must confess that he had great difficulty in following it. The case was again adjourned.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

There was a large gathering of members at the Chinese Association, Singapore, for the purpose of wishing bon voyage to one of its Vice-Presidents, Mr. Lim Seow-kiew, who is shortly leaving for the Hongkong branch of the Ho Hong Bank. Among those present was the Bishop of Singapore.

Several days ago *Reuter* cabled from London that there had been a most unusual occurrence in the House of Commons when Major Astor, who had just returned from Egypt, voted in a division without having taken the oath. Consequently he automatically vacated his seat and a new writ was issued. This morning brought another *Reuter* cable from London stating that Major Astor has now been returned unopposed for Dover.

SEQUEL TO COLLISION.

DAMAGES CLAIMED BY POLICE SERGEANT.

Supporting his claim for \$500 general damages sustained as the result of a collision with his motor cycle and side car and a car owned by the Moon Garage near Repulse Bay on September 14 last year, Sgt. F. T. James of the Hongkong Police stated at the Summary Court before Mr. Justice Gompertz this morning that he would swear that the car was travelling at 25 miles an hour, but he would estimate the speed at 35 m.p.h.

For the plaintiff, Mr. Corbett described the accident, stating that as a result of it Mrs. James, who was riding in the side-car, was injured and suffered a very great shock. Mr. James was driving his motor-cycle very slowly, on the road from Stanley to Repulse Bay, when the Moon Garage car approached him round a bend, without warning at a speed of 25 miles an hour. His client, continued Mr. Corbett, realising the dangerous situation found the only thing he could do was to drive on to a fall of earth. The car, however, struck the side-car.

Sergeant James said that at the scene of the accident, there was a fall of earth, an enormous quantity having fallen owing to the heavy rains and typhoon. It was sufficiently cleared, however, to allow him to pass. He was going no faster than four or five miles an hour. The car approached him at an extraordinary speed without giving a warning. Some part of it struck the nose of the side-car and the car went on for another twelve or fifteen yards before it stopped.

Cross-examined, plaintiff said that in a distance of four yards, one could accelerate a Triumph from 4 to 12 m.p.h. It was absolutely impossible for the garage car to have been pulled up at the point, Mr. F. G. Vaux suggested.

Plaintiff asked defending solicitor in reply to a question, to imagine sitting on a motor cycle and seeing a car coming at 35 miles an hour towards him and then try to notice what part of the car struck the cycle. He could not say what part struck the side-car, but thought it was the rear hub.

Dr. Koch said that Mrs. James sustained slight wounds on the head and bruises on the body. She was also suffering from shock and concussion. He did not think Mrs. James would always suffer as a result of her injuries.

Mrs. James gave corroborative evidence, and added that she still suffered from a pain in the head.

Mr. Vaux for the defence, contended that he had no case to answer. He quoted the case of master and servant and added it was necessary for the prosecution not only to prove that the Moon Garage were owners of the car, but that the chauffeur was actually in their employ at the time of the accident. Prosecution had not proved these things and Mr. Vaux submitted he had no case to answer.

Mr. Justice Gompertz said he was inclined to agree with Mr. Vaux. Prosecution had to put in some prima facie evidence.

Sgt. James was recalled to give evidence on this point.

Up to the time of going to press, witnesses for the defence were still being examined.

Case proceeding.

DAMAGED POLICE LAUNCH.

RULE OF THE ROAD DISREGARDED.

The steam launch "Tai Yik Kee" achieved notoriety at the Marine Court to-day when first one coxswain and then another was presented before Lieut. Commander Conway Hake, R.N.R., on charges alleging failure to observe the rule of the road.

Proceeding up the fairway on the wrong side was the offence charged against the first man, Chui Chi-shing. His explanation was that he had to do it in order to avoid a steamer backing out of its wharf but the Bench held he was at fault, and, he being a young coxswain with a clean record, administered a caution.

In the case against the other coxswain, Ip Yau-chi, evidence was given by Sgt. John Murphy. He said he had finished duty and was steaming back to Railway Pier when he saw the defendant approaching from Yau-mat. He blew one blast to show that he was standing on his course and the other launch instead of going astern of him kept on. In an effort to avoid a collision the police launch went full speed astern but failed to clear and was damaged on the port bow.

The defendant alleged that the police launch overtook him but sub-inspector Bond, who prosecuted, told the Bench that the police launch was not fast enough to do that.

As it was a first offence, a fine of \$10 was imposed.

COERCING THE COLONY.

Military Lands Burden.

UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS' RESENTMENT.

"Assent Under Protest."

POINTS THAT SHOULD BE ARBITRATED.

"Assent under protest" was the attitude of the unofficial members towards the military lands award at this afternoon's meeting of the Legislative Council when the Government's resolution accepting the War Office's terms came up for discussion. The unofficial members felt that the bargain was very lopsided and that several important points should be submitted to arbitration.

UNOFFICIAL OPINION.

Lopsided Bargain.

Giving the considered views of the unofficial members, the Hon. Mr. Pollock said:—In his address to this Council, on February 7th, Mr. Fletcher showed that this Colony was, on Sir John Oakley's figures, making by no means a good bargain, having regard to the probable loss of very many years' interest in the lay out and disposal of all the military lands, proposed to be taken over, and owing to the boom price of land during Sir John Oakley's visit here.

Accordingly, bearing these facts in mind, whilst we are not prepared to dissent from the proposed resolution, we desire to lay the following matters before the Government in order to see whether it may not be possible to obtain some alleviation from the heavy figures set down in Sir John Oakley's award figures which were arrived at on the very crest of a tremendous land boom, a boom far exceeding in intensity anything of the kind previously experienced in this colony.

Free Gift.

The first point which we desire to make, in support of our above plea of alleviation, is that a large proportion of these lands, which we are now seeking to take over, were conveyed to the Military in the early days of this Colony, as a free gift, and solely for military purposes.

Under such circumstances, it appears clear that, upon the legal authorities relating to compensation, the Colony is under no obligation whatever to do anything more than to repossess the military, that is to say, to provide the same number of officers and men with equally good accommodation on new sites.

In Cripps on Compensation, 5th Edition (1905) at p. 118, the legal principle applicable to such a case is stated as follows:—

"Such a sum is assessed as will enable the owner to replace the premises or lands taken by premises of lands which would be to him of the same value." And in the case of London School Board v. South Eastern Railway Company, 3 T.L.R. 710 (where land required by a School Board, for the purpose of building a school, had been taken compulsorily) Jessel M.R. said:—

"The school ought not either to gain or lose by acquiring a new site."

Applying the latter words to the present case, it may be pointed out that inasmuch as the cost of repossessing the displaced military officers and men cannot conceivably exceed ten million dollars at the very outside, the military would, on the Oakley valuation, "gain" a very great deal "in acquiring a new site." It may also be pointed out incidentally that the military authorities will also gain considerably in having new buildings in the place of old ones.

Reference may also be made on the above point to the modern Privy Council case of Corrie v. McDermott, 1914, A.C. 1056, the headnote of which case reads as follows:—

"The government of Queensland granted certain land to the trustee of the Acclimatisation Society, and with a provision that the Government might resume possession, paying the value of the land." The trustees had power by statute to sell the land, but only to the local authority on to a certain agricultural Association, the proceeds to be invested and the income applied for the purpose of the Society. It was held that, upon resumption of land by the government, the trustees were not entitled to be paid the unrestricted freehold value of the land, but, in accordance with the ordinary rules as to compensation, the value of the land to the trustees under the conditions upon which they held it."

Valuation.

The second point which we wish to make is that, on the actual wording and natural interpretation of the Circular Despatches relating to military lands, both

parties to the 1922 valuation, i.e., the local Colonial and Military authorities were legally bound by it.

For the purpose of making this latter point clear it will suffice to refer to the following extract from the Military Land Circular Despatch, which was quoted by Mr. Fletcher in his speech to this Council on the 7th ultimo:—

"Valuation of lands or buildings, when required under the circumstances above mentioned, should be made by the Colonial and Military Authorities conjointly, or, in the event of their disagreeing, by an independent and competent surveyor, to be chosen by agreement between the Home and Colonial Governments, whose report should be final."

The meaning of the above sentence is clear. The Colonial Authorities means the Colonial Authorities here on the spot and the Military Authorities means the Military Authorities here on the spot, just as Colonial Government means the Colonial Government here in Hongkong, as distinguished from the Home Government which is also referred to in the above extract.

Accordingly it follows that the valuation of the military lands, as arrived at between the Colonial Government and the local military authorities, in 1922, being a valuation made by them "conjointly," was a binding valuation, and any further reference to an "independent and competent surveyor" was clearly outside of the language of the Circular Despatch, which contemplated a reference to "an independent and competent surveyor" solely in the event of a disagreement between the Colonial and Military authorities.

Moreover we understand that, under similar circumstances in the past, the War Office has, as we contend rightly upon the true construction of the Circular Despatch, left matters of valuation to be settled between the local Colonial and Military Authorities, and we understand that the only reason which the War Office has put forward, in the present instance, for not adhering to the same interpretation of the Circular Despatch, is that the present transaction was too important to be governed by a valuation arrived at locally.

Coercing The Colony.

With deference such a reason seems to us to be an inadequate one for departing from figures which were carefully arrived at, after full investigation and inquiry, and with special knowledge of local conditions, between the Colonial Government and the local Military Authorities, and we, therefore, regard the subsequent action of the War Office in forcing this Colony (in defiance of the above-quoted words of the Circular Despatch, and notwithstanding the absence of any disagreement between the local Colonial and Military Authorities as to the valuation of the lands), to lay its case before an "independent and competent surveyor," as umpire, as being both arbitrary and irregular.

Such arbitrary action by the War Office threatens to involve this Colony in the payment of over 5½ million dollars extra (i.e. \$11,300,000) against about \$1,300,000, out of our funds, and will make a serious extra inroad on our financial resources, depriving us of almost all the reserves which we have been accumulating for some years past.

The unofficial members of this Council cannot view such a state of affairs with equanimity, especially having regard to the heavy commitments which lie before it in the near future of some millions of pounds on the Fitzmaurice Harbour Scheme and seventeen to eighteen million dollars on the Shing Mun Waterworks Scheme, besides other larger expenditure for reclamation and building and general developments, to meet the urgent needs of a rapidly increasing population.

Fortunately a very simple, reasonable, and effective remedy lies to hand, namely, the reference of the above two points to

FOUND AT LAST.

MISSING FERRY LAUNCH.

EXPECTED BACK TO-DAY.

Reports which came by this morning's incoming steamer from Macao state that the missing ferry launch "Kwong Shun" was found near Sha-Mee-Tau and has been taken by gunboats to Macao. The launch was empty and attempts had been made to disguise it by repainting the hull. It is expected that the "Kwong Shun" will be brought back to Hongkong some time to-day.

The Hongkong Police have received an official wire confirming the finding of the launch. It was definitely understood that the vessel would be back in Hongkong to-day but at 2 o'clock, the Chinese ferry company stated that it was not back yet.

some high legal authority on compensation law, and, in this connection, we would venture to suggest that Lord Parmoor would be a most suitable arbitrator, if he would kindly consent to act.

Unfair Stipulations.

Two more points remain to be dealt with:—

(1) It is most serious from the Colony's point of view that the military is to reserve considerable areas which have the effect of cutting off one part of the military lands which it is suggested that we should resume from the other part, thereby rendering those lands much more difficult to develop, on the best and most paying lines, e.g., by driving roads parallel to the Queen's Road. The reserved areas in question are the Detention Barracks (the Western part of which is badly required for the much needed widening of Garden Road) and the Head Quarter House and grounds, and the married quarters, etc. to the south of such grounds. These additional areas were valued by Sir John Oakley, at a little over three million dollars.

As regards the Detention Barracks we understand that whilst they are temporarily being retained as a possible site for Head Quarter Offices, the Military Authorities have expressed their willingness that such offices should be built on some other part, near Head Quarter House, of the Military Lands which are not included in Sir John Oakley's award.

(2) Next there is a point which we should like to have cleared up in connection with recital (i) in Sir John Oakley's award which states that "if during the period of ten years from the date of the award and before completion of the transfer of the circumstances shall in the opinion of the Army Council render it desirable or expedient to withdraw any one or more complete block or lot of blocks of lots, then and in such event only the Army Council shall be free and at liberty to withdraw such one or more complete block or lot of blocks or lots." We should like some assurance that the above recital is only intended to cover unforeseen circumstances rendering it necessary, as a matter of military urgency for the defence of this Colony, that that clause should be brought into force.

Under Protest.

In conclusion, whilst we are driven by sheer force of circumstances (i.e., by this Colony's urgent need owing to the great increase of population and the consequent necessity for more room for residential and commercial expansion) for the removal of the Military Forces from the most central positions in the heart of the City of Victoria and the Kowloon Peninsula, to assent to the acceptance of Sir John Oakley's award, we do so under protest because we feel that the first two points, suggested by us, ought to be referred to arbitration.

We would add that there appears to be no reason why such a reference should, in any way, either delay the carrying out of any of the agreed transfers of military lands or the selection of some other than the Detention Barracks for the erection of Head Quarter Offices.

Resolution Carried.

After brief speeches had been made by the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kote-wall and the Hon. Mr. A. R. Lowe, His Excellency the Governor expressed concurrence with practically everything said by Mr. Pollock though he did not think it would be much use making representations to the Home Government. "I do not pretend," His Excellency said, "to believe, other than that the War Office are driving a hard bargain with us. I think we are paying a very high price for it, but it is the only way for us to get it." The resolution was then carried.

LEAGUE CRICKET.

UNIVERSITY 2ND v. R.A.M.C.

B. P. Ng, c. McCarrach, b. Walker	13
M. A. Kyum, c. Balchin, b. Walker	4
M. Osman, b. Nash	17
C. W. Lam, b. Walker	0
J. L. Youngsaye, c. Howarth, b. Walker	4
S. Omar, b. Osbourne	18
J. Noronha, Chilton, b. Balchin	19
S. Hachuma, c. Nash, b. Walker	27
H. Y. Leong, c. Howarth, b. Perry	5
W. H. Sing, c. McCarrach, b. Walker	9
A. T. M. Barnard, not out	2
Extras	4
Total	122

Bowling.	O.	M.	R.	W.
Walker	14.3	3	38	6
Perry	10	2	30	1
Nash	6	1	22	1
Osbourne	3	—	16	1
Balchin	1	—	12	1

R.A.M.C.	O.	M.	R.	W.
Capt. Howarth, c. Omar	5	—	—	—
P. McCarrach, c. Kyum, b. Youngsaye	4	—	—	—
Sgt. Percy, not out	25	—	—	—
Pte. Nash, c. Kyum, b. Lam	2	—	—	—
Pte. Osbourne, run out	0	—	—	—
Pte. Balchin, c. and b. Lam	6	—	—	—
Pte. Chilton, b. Lam	0	—	—	—
Pte. Belcher, b. Youngsaye	8	—	—	—
Pte. Scratton, c. Sing, b. Youngsaye	1	—	—	—
Pte. Derry, b. Youngsaye	1	—	—	—
Extras	7	—	—	—
Total	72	—	—	—

Bowling.	O.	M.	R.	W.
Onar	10	1	24	1
*Youngsaye	7.1	2	24	5
Lam	9	0	17	3

H.K.C.C. TEAMS.

The following team will represent the H.K.C.C. on Saturday, March 15, at 2.15 p.m. on grounds as below:—
1st XI v. East Surrey Regt., at Happy Valley:—T. E. Pearce (capt.), Col. T. A. Robertson, R. E. A. Webster, H. Owen Hughes, Rev. T. B. Powell, G. R. More, A. C. I. Bowker, A. V. T. Dean, E. G. Lammer, W. W. Mackenzie and D. H. F. McMaster.
2nd XI v. K.C.C. 2nd XI (League) at Home:—G. H. Piercy (capt.), H. E. Hollands, L. D. McNicoll, C. R. Baron, H. Griffin, D. Reid, A. K. Mackenzie, E. C. Hagen, F. N. Young, J. A. H. Plummer and D. E. G. Nicholson.

K.C.C. TEAMS.

The following will play for the Kowloon C.C. on Saturday next, 2.15 p.m., grounds as below:—
1st XI v. Navy (friendly) at Kowloon:—R. E. Lindsell (capt.), R. Pestonji, A. W. Ramsay, S. Jex, H. G. Wellington, J. C. Fletcher, F. W. Howell, L. A. R. Duncan, R. Earnshaw, C. Earnshaw and A. W. Summers.
2nd XI v. H.K.C.C. 2nd (League) away:—H. Overy (capt.), A. O. Brawn, A. R. F. Raven, O. B. Raven, W. L. Weaver, A. J. Kew, B. Petheram, E. J. Edwards, D. S. Green, A. J. Fraser and E. Sayage.

HOCKEY.

After a very fast game, perhaps the finest of the season, the Club managed to draw with the Grenadiers, the score being three all.

The Club started off well and were leading at half-time, with two goals against the Grenadiers' one. The second half, however, saw the Grenadiers all up. They scored three goals before the Club was able to reply. More evening up just before the end.

The first two goals for the Club were shot by Woodward and Evans. Hitt, who was playing a fine game at centre half, had the mistake of getting wounded in the second half, but carried on however as left half, Mitchell taking his place at centre. The outstanding players for the Grenadiers were Newton King and Dods, who both played a fine game. The Club's backs were very weak not at all playing their usual game, and being very dependent on the halves. Mills in goal did well in keeping the score down to three.

Drawn game.
Peculiarly enough the second match ended the same way as the first with a draw. The match was played on the new Hockey ground, Kowloon, just opposite the Football Club.

The game started off with the Club pressing and it looked like an easy victory, but the Club time and again failed to score. The Navy's eleven got going after the first quarter and scored, keeping their lead till half time.

The second half opened with Maccock equalising for the Club after which play was very even. The fine play of the Club's full back Edwards and Piercy without doubt saved them from defeat. Lyon, who has been an absentee from the Hockey field lately, played a good game yesterday. Holdman and Meacock were as usual in good form, while the Navy's play was a very fine game.

CHURCH AND STATE.

RELATIONS REPORTED HARMONIOUS.

LATEST FROM ROME.

ROME, March 12.
The report of an agreement between the Pope and the Italian Government mentioned earlier is denied in authoritative quarters, though it is pointed out that relations between Church and State are very harmonious.—*Reuter*.



[The *Daily Express* published the terms of the alleged agreement settling the dispute between the Pope and the Italian Government. The terms provide for the surrender of the whole Vatican Hill to the Vatican, which at present only holds part. This gives the hill the status of an independent country. The Government undertakes to build, at its own expense, a palace or series of houses for the accommodation of the College of Cardinals. The Holy See will hand over the scattered properties where the Cardinals are at present housed. The Pope's independence will be guaranteed by the League of Nations.]

HOME "SOCCER"

F. A. CUP: 4TH ROUND REPLAYS.

LONDON, March 12.
Cardiff 0; Manchester City 1; Burnley 3; Swindon 1.

FIRST LEAGUE.

Chelsea 0; West Bromwich 0; Villa 2; Arsenal 1; Bolton 4; Liverpool 1.

SCOTTISH CUP.

SEMI-FINAL DRAW.

The draw for the Scottish Cup semi-finals, to be played on March 22 is:—

Aberdeen v. Hibernians or Partick, at Dundee.
Falkirk v. Ayr or Airdrieonians, at Celtic Park, Glasgow.

4TH ROUND REPLAYS.
Ayr 0; Airdrieonians 0; Partick 1; Hibernians 1.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Hamilton 3; Aberdeen 0; Falkirk 4; Third Lanark 1.—*Reuter*.

"THE FIGHTING CHANCE."

STAR THEATRE'S FINE PICTURE.

Long a name to conjure with among fiction readers, Robert W. Chambers will soon be an equally strong draw for cinemagoers. If the high standard set in "The Fighting Chance" is any criterion. This entertaining picture will be screened at the Star Theatre for the first time this evening. Those who have read the story will remember that one of the most attractive scenes is where Stephen, the hero, and Sylvia Landis dive together into a swimming pool and their lips meet in a fond good-bye underneath the water. This scene is shown with fullest effect in the picture, giving giving yet another chance for the leading players, Anna Q. Nilsson and Conrad Nagel, to display their marked ability. "The Fighting Chance" is a Paramount Artcraft production.

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COMMERCE AND FINANCE.

ABOLITION OF LIKIN IN CHINA.

QUESTION IN COMMONS.

British Exporters' Interests Pressed.

London, March 12.

In the House of Commons during questions Mr. P. J. H. Hanmon (C.) suggested that in the interests of British exporters the Legation at Peking should be instructed to co-operate with the other Legations to ensure ratification of article eight of the Mackay Treaty.

Mr. Arthur Ponsonby, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied that if Mr. Hanmon referred to the fact that this article providing for the abolition of likin had not been carried out by the Chinese authorities he could assure him His Majesty's Government were fully alive to the importance of the matter. They were at present consulting His Majesty's Minister at Peking in regard to the best means of dealing with the question at a special conference to be held in pursuance of the Nine-power Customs Treaty but it must be realised that great difficulties existed owing to the present disorganised conditions in China and the Central Government's lack of control of any provincial authorities.—Reuter.

AMERICAN RAILROADS.

Freight Rates Preference.

Washington, March 12.

The Inter-State Commerce Commission announces that under the new regulations a lower joint freight rate will be authorised on the American railroads from May 20 on commodities being transported by American ships, except grain.—Reuter's American Service.

HOME TRADE.

London, March 11.

The Board of Trade returns for February show imports £36,705,000 and exports £37,974,000, a decrease of £1,269,000 and an increase of £3,739,000 respectively compared with January's figures.—Reuter.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

In addition to the quotations given on page 11 as usual, the following should be noted:—

Hongkong Stock Exchange:—

H.K. Hotels \$22 cum div. ex rights nom ex rights \$8

premium buyers and sales.

Comments ex rights \$28. sellers rights \$6 1/2 sales.

China Providents ex bonus and rights \$3 nominal, rights \$2 1/2 prem. nom. Bonus shares \$23 nom.

Ropes ex bonus and rights \$27 nominal, rights \$3 prem. nom. Bonus shares \$27 nominal.

Note: The rate hitherto quoted for China Lights cum all and or cum rights necessitate the payment by the buyer of \$1 per new share.

China Providents Old Issue shares are \$117,000. Hongkong Ropes Old Issue shares are \$160,000.

Hongkong Share Brokers' Association:—

Ropes:—Ex-rights and bonus shares 26.

Hotels:—New Issue 9 premium sellers.

NAM PAK HONG.

There is no change to report in the Nam Pak Hong quotations for Java sugar, rice and flour. Markets continue weak with absence of business.

THE VOLUME OF TRADE.

The calculations undertaken by the Board of Trade to show how far the fluctuations of the overseas trade figures are due to price changes and to changes in volume respectively show that in 1923 the volume of imports was 93 per cent. of the 1913 total, while in 1923 the volume was 85.5 per cent. British exports were 74.5 per cent. in 1923 and 68.9 per cent. in 1922 and imports were 81.3 per cent. in 1923 and 81.6 per cent. in 1922. The fol-

TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

EASY VICTORY FOR HONDA.

Among the tennis tournament games played yesterday chief interest centred in the singles match between T. Honda, the Japanese who was formerly tennis champion of the F.M.S., and T. Lay, a promising local player. Honda gave a clever exhibition and won easily by three straight sets. Lay played fairly well at times but was obviously outclassed.

Another very interesting match was that between S. H. Ismail and P. A. Redmond. Ismail won in the final set. Both players were evenly matched.

The following are yesterday's results:—

Open Championship Singles.—T. Honda beat T. Lay, 6-1, 6-2, 6-2; S. A. Ismail beat P. A. Redmond, 6-2, 6-2, 3-6, 3-6; A. A. Rumbun beat S. D. Ismail, 4-6, 9-7, 6-1, 6-3.

Open Championship Doubles.—R. M. Henderson and A. Breakey beat A. D. and J. D. Humphreys, 5-7, 6-4, 6-1; Yew Man-tsun and Yew Man-ki beat H. R. Remington and W. A. Novers, 7-5, 6-2, 8-3.

Chis Championship.—R. J. Saunders beat A. H. Crook, 6-2, 6-4, 6-1. Handicap Singles.—A. D. J. Allfree (+2/6) beat G. G. Franklin (+1/5), 6-3, 1-6, 6-4.

Handicap Doubles.—I. Forster and G. R. Aubrey (+2/6) beat J. M. E. Nickels and G. de Man (+1/5), 6-8, 6-4, 6-2; W. Hattersley Smith and B. A. Hill (+2/6) beat H. G. Grundy and J. T. Strainley (+1/5), 3-6, 6-2, 8-6.

TO-DAY'S MATCHES.

Open Championship Singles.—W. H. Gilroy v. S. E. Green.

Handicap Singles.—B. E. J. R. Mitchell (ser.) v. E. G. Lamport (+1/10).

Handicap Doubles.—V. M. Grayhuse and A. N. B. Carr (ser.) v. D. Burroughs and C. G. Perdue (+4/10); A. H. Pean and A. V. T. Dean (+1/10) v. W. B. Cornaby and A. Thores (+4/6).

Mixed Doubles.—J. A. Worwick and Miss D. A. Rudge (+3/6) v. G. W. Sowell and Miss H. Irving (ser.).

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Following table shows the values in each of the past four years on the basis of 1913 prices:

	Imports, Exports, ports, Mill.	Mill.	Mill.
1923	735.7	404.4	94.0
1922	650.4	361.8	89.3
1921	570.9	201.6	86.1
1920	479.3	372.5	94.9
1919	768.7	525.2	109.6

The average increase of whole-sale prices in 1923 is given as 61 per cent. over 1913, and in 1922 59 per cent. In 1923 the volume of net imports of raw materials was hardly equal to that of 1922. In the class of manufactured articles, including a number of partly manufactured materials of industry, the net imports of 1923 were considerably greater in quantity than those of 1922. In 1923 exports of manufactures were less, as measured in terms of 1913 values, than those of the year 1922. For exports of all classes the 1923 figures show an excess over those of 1922, owing to the recovery in the coal export trade. Even if appropriate adjustments are made in respect of the trade with Ireland, the 1923 figures indicate a trade greater by some 7 per cent. than that of 1922. The aggregate shows, however, a deficit on the 1913 figures amounting roughly to 23 per cent. after making that adjustment.

An extraordinary general meeting of shareholders of the Bukit Mertajam Rice Mill Company, held at Penang on March 3, passed as an extraordinary resolution the following:—That the capital of the company be and it is hereby increased to \$500,000 by the creation of 350,000 additional ordinary shares of \$1 each ranking for dividend and in all other respects pari-passu with the existing ordinary shares in the company.

SHANGHAI HARBOUR.

HARBOUR BOARD SUGGESTED.

SHANGHAI, March 11.

Mr. F. J. Blom, addressing the Engineering Society of China yesterday declared that the Shanghai harbour equipment for handling cargo is insufficient for the present and the future. He advocated the formation of a Shanghai Harbour Board in order to safeguard local interests.

Mr. Blom said that the under-development of the wharves for ocean-going steamers had caused congestion which was detrimental to the interests of navigation and trade generally. Before entering into costly schemes for harbour extensions at present, the harbour should be developed and organised, and measures should be taken to compel the riparian owners to develop their property. Shipping agents should be induced to establish modern equipped wharves capable of efficiently handling ships' cargo. A municipal harbour should be constructed to run on a commercial basis in order to take care of lighters.—Courtesy Daily Bulletin.

YOUTH'S ADVENTURES.

STRANGER THAN FICTION.

A story containing all the necessary ingredients to make a scenario for a sensational serial motion picture is given in the *Mingpao*.

The drama goes back to Chinese New Year, the stage being Wuchow. During this celebration, the hero, a nineteen-year-old youth, named Cheng Ah-keu, went to pay his respects to his father-in-law, who is apparently a bamboo merchant in that city.

Then, one night, the house was raided by a band of robbers—"several tens of robbers," the youth describes the gang. The intruders ransacked the house, killing Cheng's wife's grandmother and also shooting (and killing) two other inmates. Cheng was kidnapped by the band and sent to Shanghai. He was lodged in a house in Paoshing Faung, which is an alleyway off Paoshing Road, Chapei.

The robbers, one of whom lent colour to the enterprise by being the possessor of only one eye, watched young Cheng day and night. There was also a woman in the case, but whether she plays any active part in the story is not told.

In spite of this strict surveillance by his captors, Cheng determined to make his escape, and one dark night—on February 29, to be exact—he clambered out of the window of No. 62 Paoshing Faung, the house in which he was held prisoner, and made his way to freedom.

However, Cheng was not yet quite free, for a member of the Volunteer Corps at Paungpu was in the vicinity of the house at the time, and seeing Cheng's suspicious mode of exit arrested him and took him to Headquarters. In the hands of the authorities Cheng told the remarkable story related above. Commander Chen, with a squad of his men, at once proceeded to the address given. The house was empty—the birds had flown—but the discovery of ten pistols and ten rounds of ammunition substantiated Cheng's narrative.

Cheng's relatives at Wuchow were notified and are overjoyed at the knowledge that he is now safe and sound in the hands of the Corps; for no news of him had been received by his anxious family since the terrible night on which the robber band took him away.

TOO REALISTIC EVE.

SCANDALISES CONDUCTOR IN PANTOMIME.

Felix Weingartner, the famous conductor, has caused a sensation in Vienna by shouting, "Lower the curtain," during the first night of the new pantomime, "Adam and Eve," because the costume of the actress in the title part was too "Evelike."

When the curtain rose for the opening scene, depicting Eve in the Garden of Eden, Weingartner was ready with his baton poised to give the signal to the orchestra, but that signal was never given; instead, the spectators heard the conductor's shout. The order was promptly obeyed.

The sight of Frau Lanik in the role of Eve proved too much for Weingartner, who refused to conduct before an actress in such scanty attire. The opening performance has therefore been postponed.

MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

The B. F. s.s. "Agapenor" left Port Said on Mar. 11 for Amsterdam, London and Antwerp.

The B. F. s.s. "Mantor" left Port Said on Mar. 8 for London, Rotterdam and Hamburg.

The B. F. s.s. "Achilles" for Pacific ports left Cuba on Mar. 10 for this port and is due here to-morrow daylight.

The N.Y.K. s.s. "Kiddopora" left Shanghai for this port on Mar. 11 at 1 p.m. and is due here on Mar. 19 at about 8 a.m.

The O.A.S. s.s. "Victoria" will leave here for Melbourne via Suez and Australia ports on Mar. 15.

The O.A.S. s.s. "Sumatra Maru" left Moji on Feb. 28 and will be due here on Mar. 15 p.m.

The B. I. s.s. "Warina" left Bangkok for this port on Mar. 10 a.m. and is due here on Mar. 16 at about a.m.

The N.Y.K. s.s. "Lyons Maru" (Liverpool Line) left Singapore for Hongkong on Mar. 10 and is expected here on Mar. 16.

The N.Y.K. s.s. "Matsumoto Maru" (Hamburg Line) left Singapore for Hongkong on Mar. 10 and is expected here on Mar. 16.

The B. F. s.s. "Telosia" for London, Rotterdam and Antwerp left Shanghai on Mar. 13 for this port and is due here on Mar. 18 at about a.m.

The A.O.L. s.s. "Pres. McKinley" is due here at 7 a.m. on Mar. 15, and will sail for Victoria and Seattle via Shanghai and Japan on Mar. 17.

The B. I. s.s. "Glenelg" from Midland, Antwerp and London left Singapore for this port on Mar. 13 and may be expected to arrive here on or about Mar. 18.

The A.O.L. s.s. "Pres. McKinley" which is due at this port on Mar. 18 sailed from Yokohama for Kobe on Mar. 10 on schedule.

The N.Y.K. s.s. "Bakusan Maru" (European Passenger Line) left Kobe for Hongkong via Moji and Shanghai on Mar. 9 and is expected here on Mar. 18.

The B. F. s.s. "Sarpedon" left Liverpool on Feb. 17 for Penang, Singapore, Hongkong and Shanghai and is due here on Mar. 18.

The O.S.K. s.s. "Shinko Maru" left Moji on Mar. 24 and will be due here on Mar. 31.

The U.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" left Vancouver for Hongkong via Japan ports and Shanghai, on Mar. 6 and is due here on Mar. 24.

The O.S.K. s.s. "Pres. Adams" which is due at Hongkong on Mar. 31 sailed from San Francisco on Mar. 1 on schedule.

The B. F. s.s. "Rhona" left Rotterdam on Feb. 23 for Singapore, Hongkong, Shanghai and Japan and is due here on or about Mar. 31.

The N.Y.K. s.s. "Hakusan" left Liverpool on Mar. 2 for Straits, Hongkong and Shanghai and is due here on or about Apr. 7.

The N.Y.K. s.s. "Atsuta Maru" (European Passenger Line) left London for Hongkong via Suez on Mar. 1 and is expected here on Apr. 6.

The B. F. s.s. "Rhona" left Rotterdam on Feb. 23 for Singapore, Hongkong, Shanghai and Japan and is due here on or about Mar. 31.

BILLIARDS.

CHAMPIONSHIP DRAW.

The draw in connection with the Colony's Billiard Championship was announced last night as follows:—

1st Round: F. C. Kwok, bye.
Game 1.—C. N. Tsang v. P. S. Leong, to be played on March 24.
Game 2.—Ho Shi-cheong v. R. Luz, March 25.
Game 3.—E. D. da Rosa v. T. T. Yik, March 26.
Game 4.—Major Gandy v. K. K. Leong, March 27.
Game 5.—C. Earnshaw v. H. C. Balchin, March 28.
Game 6.—E. W. Spry v. P. Yvanovitch, March 31.
L. A. Osmund, bye.

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WEEKLY NOTES AND COMMENT.

A glance at the league tables below will show how the different teams stand in both divisions of the league. Those in the senior division play each other once while the second division teams play return matches. Therefore the University, Indian and Civil Service first eleven have completed their fixtures. Of the three the University (last year's Champions) have a bare chance of retaining the trophy while the others cannot win. If memory serves aright, Civil Service and the Indians tied for third place with the H.K.C.C. second. The latter have to play Kowloon and a draw would give them the championship. If they lose they will probably play off with the Varsity whom they beat earlier in the season in a league match.

In the junior section the Sappers have two more matches to complete their league programme and they will need the six points from those two games to stave off the Navy and XI who are second, but have five matches in hand.

With the Indian 1st XI losing their unbeaten record, only the H.K.C.C. 1st XI and the Navy 2nd XI have not tasted defeat. Every team has played in a drawn match and the two Chinese eleven are the only ones without a victory. Despite a series of defeats the Chinese teams have shown improvement and with their share of the luck, they will bring off a surprise yet.

There are some who consider the team fielded on Saturday, the strongest the Club can turn out for a league match. Of course there are other members who belong to the H.K.C.C. but they represent other clubs in the competition. The eleven that did duty for the Indian also gave the appearance of comprising the best they have had there was little room for improvement in the University eleven. On the other hand, the Civil Service missed Sayer and de Rome and Reed was called to duty at the last moment. An opinion was voiced on the ground that even if Reed had played the Club could not have been dismissed for a smaller score as Hamilton did very well, reminiscent of his old days. One supporter argued that Reed is not nearly as good as he was, that his bowling lacked sting and variety and pointed to his accomplishments this season in support. However, that is a matter of personal opinion but I think most critics will agree that Reed has one peculiarity which is that if he takes wickets in the first over or two he is almost sure to do well but if he gets knocked about, he is liable to go off.

Glancing at the records I find that Civil Service only beat the Navy of the stronger teams. This victory was decisive by 6 wickets and 55 runs. Two other home victories were from the C.R.C. by 94 runs and Craigengower 132 runs. Playing away, they beat Kowloon by 155 runs. They drew with the Indians at Sookumpoo when they had 150 for 6 after the I.R.C. had declared at 0 for 101. The R.G.A. surprised them by winning at Hinny Valley by 26 runs (their first league defeat this season) and from this they never really recovered although strengthened by players returned from leave. Their last two matches were lost, that with the Varsity (at home) by 2 wickets and 72 runs and last Saturday on the H.K.C.C. ground by 41 runs.

Their biggest score was made against the C.R.C. (212 at home). The smallest home total was 82 (University) and away 83 (Club). Craigengower they dismissed for 61 and Kowloon for 41 but all the others scored over 100 against what had been described as the best attack in the Colony. Sayer (200 in 7 innings), Wood 171-8 in 10, Evans 111-5, were the principal run-getters of the side.

Sayer compiled the only century, viz., 107 against the C.R.C. at home, on October 27.

Scores of 50 or over made by—

de Rome 52, 97; Wickett 58; Bird took 12 of the wickets, Ling 12, Evans 12, Sayer 11 and Baker 7.

BATTING.

FIRST DIVISION.

	No. of Innings	Highest Score	Average
Paffard (N.)	5	86	18.8
Parrell (N.)	6	72	18.6
Pearce (H.K.)	5	94	18.8
Owen Hughes (H.K.)	5	61	12.2
de Rome (C.S.)	4	97	16.7
A.A. Rumjahn (U)	10	110	32.9
I.S. Curran (I)	5	81	15.7
More (H.K.)	6	97	21.0
O. Ismail (I)	8	44	23.7
Quirk (U)	8	68	19.2
Roffey (U)	7	37	12.3
Sayer (C.S.)	7	107	20.9
Wood (C.S.)	8	171	28.5

Bradbury (Craig)	7	41	14.2	28.40
A. H. Madar (I)	8	52	15.8	25.33
Balhetet (U)	8	74	17.9	24.29
A. el Arculli (I)	6	34	7.1	23.66
Ponsonby (H.K.)	5	45	9.2	23.00
S. H. Ismail (I)	8	50	18.3	22.87
Robinson (K)	5	31	8.9	22.25
B. D. Evans (C.S.)	5	43	11.1	22.20
E. G. Lammert (H.K.)	5	30	9.4	21.33
Witchell (C.S.)	5	58	7.2	20.50

SECOND DIVISION.

H. D. Rumjahn (I)	8	72	19.9	33.17
Harris (N)	9	131	20.7	29.57
Gandy (R.E.)	13	108	34.9	29.08
O. Rumjahn (I)	10	67	21.9	27.37
Hagen (H.K.)	10	47	21.8	27.12
Harper (C.S.)	13	60	32.0	26.67
Nash (R.A.M.C.)	9	59	20.3	25.37
Reid (H.K.)	7	65	14.7	24.50
Walker (R.A.M.C.)	10	48	24.2	24.20
Piercy (H.K.)	9	56	18.9	23.62
Fraser (K)	7	36	15.4	22.00
Osman (U)	6	49	12.8	21.33
D. Rumjahn (I)	9	50	16.5	20.62

BOWLING.

FIRST DIVISION.

	Wickets	Average
Webster (H.K.)	12	5.75
E. G. Lammert (H.K.)	24	5.96
Bowker (H.K.)	14	7.14
Sayer (C.S.)	11	7.73
Bird (C.S.)	17	8.53
Gould (N)	12	8.92
B. D. Evans (C.S.)	12	9.00
A. el Arculli (I)	26	9.50
A. H. Madar (I)	13	9.85
Balhetet (U)	20	10.40
Omar (I)	17	10.47
F. M. el Arculli (I)	9	10.89
Quirk (U)	15	11.12
Ponsonby (N)	15	11.50
A. A. Rumjahn (U)	19	11.89
Brown (K)	11	6.45
Perry (R.A.M.C.)	8	6.67
Jacob (R.E.)	46	7.48
Walker (R.A.M.C.)	39	7.97
Hogg (N)	21	8.29
Lajing (U)	19	9.58
Overy (K)	19	9.58
A.R.P. Raven (K)	14	10.21
Reid (H.K.)	19	10.32
Sari (C.S.)	53	10.58
Sirdar Khan (I)	22	10.82
Hagen (H.K.)	12	11.67
Balhetet (K)	24	11.83
Houppell (N)	11	11.91

LEAGUE TABLE.

FIRST DIVISION.

	F	W	L	D	P
H.K.C.C.	7	6	0	1	19
University	6	5	1	1	19
Indian R.C.	8	5	1	2	17
Civil Service	8	4	3	1	13
Navy	7	3	3	1	10
Kowloon C.C.	7	2	4	1	7
Craigengower	7	1	5	1	4
R.G.A.	7	1	5	1	4
Chinese R.C.	7	0	6	1	1

SECOND DIVISION.

Royal Engineers	14	10	1	3	33
Navy 2nd	9	8	0	1	25
Civil Service 2nd	14	6	6	2	20
University 2nd	12	5	5	2	17
R.A.M.C.	10	5	4	1	16
H.K.C.C. 2nd	12	4	4	1	16
Indians 2nd	11	3	5	1	12
Kowloon 2nd	11	2	7	2	8
Chinese 2nd	13	0	11	2	2

League Records This Season.

Highest Individual Score: 1st division, A. A. Rumjahn (University) 110; 2nd division, Lt. Harris (Navy) 131 not out.

Most wickets in an innings: 1st division, Sayer (Civil Service) 7 wickets for 23 runs in 9.1 overs (7 maidens); Quirk (University) 7 wickets for 23 runs in 12 overs (4 maidens); Bird (Civil Service) 7 wickets for 57 runs in 13 overs (4 maidens); Rough (R.G.A.) 7 wickets for 49 runs in 14.7 overs (2 maidens); Gould (Navy) 7 wickets for 16 runs in 6.5 overs and B.D. Evans (Civil Service) 7 wickets for 11 runs in 6.2 overs (2 maidens); 2nd division, Sara (Civil Service) 8 wickets for 35 runs in 11.3 overs and Lajing (University) 8 wickets for 25 runs in 15.5 overs (7 maidens).

Biggest Aggregate: 1st division, A. A. Rumjahn (University) 329; 2nd division Gandy (R.E.) 349 runs.

Most wickets to date: 1st division, A. el Arculli (Indians) 26; 2nd division, Sara (Civil Service) 53.

Biggest Innings to date: 1st division, H.K.C.C. 221 for 3 (declared) against Craigengower; 2nd division, H.K.C.C. 2nd XI 232 against C.R.C. 2nd XI.

Smallest Innings to date: 1st division, R.G.A. 33 against Navy; 2nd division, C.R.C. 32 against R. E. and Kowloon 2nd XI 32 against R.E.

Sergeant Alexander of the Police Recreation Club, who has just returned from Home leave, tells me that he was present at most of the big county cricket matches last season. He will be remembered as one of the best all rounders in the police eleven and the most prolific batsman. Asked about his opinion as to English cricket he said that from what he saw, it had made some improvement and the players at Home would give the Australians a good fight the next time they visited. An innings of 270 by Woolley of Kent he thought to be about the best batting performance he saw and was loud in his praises of the fireworks put up especially after the 200 mark had been passed.

Summarised records of the other clubs which have completed their league fixtures will be given during the following weeks.

—W. P. C.

MAH-JONGG.

WEEKLY NOTES AND COMMENT.

"ALL GREEN" AND "BAMBOO" HANDS EXPLAINED.

(By "Silk Jar Woo.")

Readers of the China Mail desiring information about the game in all its phases or wishing to have any point cleared up, are invited to send their inquiries to this office and replies will be published in this column on Thursday. Correspondence is invited.

"A European Player" writes to the "Singapore Free Press" decrying the poor play of Singaporeans at Mah-Jongg and the lack of knowledge of the game and of the scoring. He admits there are no standard rules but omits to show in what way people can get to play better save by the painful method of learning by experience. The "Free Press" says that his letter therefore seems to serve no helpful end which would justify the space required to publish it.

Three weeks ago a reader asked for information as to the method of scoring for a self-draw chow and the next week another reader pointed out that the observation I made was unusual. All along it has been my contention that for the good of the game a standard set of rules must be drawn up, and it has been mentioned that what was given was merely observed by some players but not necessarily all. There is no divergence of opinion as to the fundamental rules of Mah-Jongg but "local rules" and decisions on side-issues are abundant. As previously pointed out, the only solution lies in forming a Hongkong league on the basis of the one at Home when definite rules can be laid down for all contingencies. It only remains for a number of enthusiasts to come forward to start the ball, or rather the dice, rolling. If sufficient numbers are forthcoming, the object could be easily attained. A number of Chinese first-class players have promised their assistance in framing rules which will cover every point likely to arise.

Answer To Query. A friend who admits that "he plays a little" has asked for information as to what is generally recognised in Chinese clubs regarding the bamboo and "all green" hands. He was uncertain as to the number of "faans" or doublers, each denomination stood for. As there may be others who are in doubt the following explanation may be of use to beginners. Unlike other peculiarities of the game, practically every Chinese player is agreed on these points.

An "all green" hand counts as a maximum score if completed. That is to say, all fourteen cards must have green and no other colour. It will be noticed that some of the bamboos have red and green while others are entirely green. The green dragon, irrespective of the character used, is always green and nothing else. The one of bamboos, sometimes a bird and or a bamboo shoot— invariably has red on it. The two, three and four are all green. The five will have red on it, usually red edging. The six is all green but the seven is not. The eight is also all green while the red has green. Therefore an "all green" hand must compose sets or consequences of the 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8 of bamboos and/or the green dragon. For example, a completed hand could be 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 6, 8, 8 of bamboos and a pair of green dragons, or again, 2, 2, 2, 3, 3, 3, 4, 4, 4; three green dragons and a pair of 6 or 8 of bamboos to make the eyes. This would be a proper hand. If another dragon or wind was held instead of the green dragon, this would only be a "Mixed one-coloured numerals," ranking one "faan"; even if the other cards in the hand were all "green" bamboos they would rank no higher than if they were part red and green colour.

It is generally accepted that if a player has nine "all green" cards laid down, another player who discards an "all green" for him to chow or "pung" he incurs the same penalties as for a "Proper one-coloured numeral," "The Three Great Scholars," or "Four Blessings Hand" as previously explained in this column. Should a completed hand of all bamboos include even one card that has red on it, this will only rank as a "Proper one-coloured numeral" hand, equal to three "faans," with the same penalties for those who discard after nine or more have been laid on the table. A completed hand made up of bamboos, whether all green or green and red, or both, and including some of the super cards (dragons and/or winds) counts as a "Mixed one-coloured

OBITUARY.

MRS. WILLIAM JARVIS.

The deepest sympathy will be extended to Mr. William Jarvis of the Chinese Maritime Customs in the tragic loss of his wife to whom he had only been married nineteen days. The late Mrs. Jarvis died of small-pox yesterday morning after an illness of only a short duration. Mrs. Jarvis arrived in Hongkong on February 22 by the s.s. "City of York" and was married the same day at St. Joseph's Church. The honeymoon was spent at Hongkong and six days later, the couple left for Lin Tin Island where Mr. Jarvis was stationed for duty. On March 5, Mrs. Jarvis was taken ill and upon removal to hospital in Hongkong her illness was diagnosed as small-pox.

The late Mrs. Jarvis was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Read, who are well-known residents of Stratford, London. She was just 25 years of age. Much sympathy will be felt for Mr. Jarvis in his very sad bereavement. The funeral took place yesterday evening at the Roman Catholic Cemetery, Happy Valley, a large gathering of mourners attending the graveside. The Rev. Father Augustine, who had officiated at the marriage, conducted the burial service.

CHOICE OF A CALIPH.

TERRIT, March 11.

The ex-Caliph has addressed a message to Mussulmans all over the world protesting against the abolition of the Caliphate by the impious decision of the present majority in the Turkish National Assembly. He describes the measure as fundamentally sacrilegious and null and void, and states the Moslem world had unanimously approved his election a year and a half ago, and it alone is entitled to pronounce upon the question.

Consequently he has invited the authorised chiefs and representatives of the Moslem communities all over the world to communicate proposals and concrete contributions as early as possible for the assembling of a grand religious inter-Islamic congress, which he proposes to convocate at the most opportune time and place in order to adopt the decision required by the situation.—Reuter.

CHINA AND THE SOVIETS

RECOGNITION A MATTER OF DAYS.

PEKING, March 12th.

A special meeting of the Cabinet, held this morning and attended by all the members of the Cabinet and Dr. C. T. Wang, exclusively considered Sino-Russian relations. It is understood that an agreement was reached regarding the principles which would be the basis for negotiations with the Soviet representative.

Chinese circles are confident that recognition is only a question of days.—Reuter.

London, March 11—In the Scottish league match Rangers v. Hearts, the former team won by one goal to nil.—Reuter.

Castlegates, March 11—The total of bodies recovered from the burning mine is now 113. It seems certain at this juncture that 173 people perished.—Reuter.

Bombay, March 11—The Enquiry Committee's report in connection with the mill strike, says that the profit and loss account for the mills in 1923 justified the millowners' decision not to pay a bonus.—Reuter.

Reuter cables from London that Admiral Sir H. F. Oliver replaces Admiral Sir J. M. de Robeck as Commander of the Atlantic Fleet and Sir Michael Vice-Admiral Culme-Seymour replaces Admiral Sir H. F. Oliver in the Second Sea Lordship.

numeral" hand and ranks one "faan" in addition to others that may be reckoned for the dragons or winds or other specials, which would be obtained in the ordinary course of the game. There is no penalty for a "Mixed one-coloured numeral" hand.

Ten Or Twenty Point Basis? "Rufus" writes to ask which would be more fascinating, the ten-point or twenty-point basis? This, I think, is a matter for personal opinion, but experienced players will admit that a different policy has to be adopted for each basis. In other words, one's strategy would have to be shaped accordingly, and it is almost impossible, in the space of this column to explain what is meant. If "Rufus" wishes, he can see an actual demonstration. Next week, I shall give briefly, a few points in which the play as conducted by good players, is different.

NOTABLE ACTING.

"CARMEN" AT THE GORONET THEATRE.

Feline, alluring, tigerish, lovable, reckless—these are among the sharply contrasted adjectives that come into the mind when seeking to describe Pola Negri as she portrays "Carmen" in "Gypsy Blood," the remarkable film version of Prosper Merimee's novel which will be screened at the Goronet Theatre for the last time this evening. Certainly this clever actress is astonishingly versatile for she depicts every emotion with equal skill, whether she is Carmen the seductive beauty luring men to their ruin, Carmen the daring outlaw taking a leading part in the smugglers' mountain fight with the soldiers, or Carmen the frail woman being down to death by a madly jealous lover at the very moment her matador is being hailed in triumph after killing his fiercest bull. With Pola Negri's passionate acting alone, "Gypsy Blood" stands forth an unusual picture, but it has the further claims of lavish setting and singularly appropriate music from the opera.

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To-night H. E. the Governor will be present at the Band Concert to be given at the City Hall.

On Friday afternoon, His Excellency, attended by Captain R. Neville, A.D.C., will attend the Rt. Rev. Bishop of Victoria's reception at the City Hall.

On Friday, March 21, and on Monday, March 24, His Excellency will entertain a number of Chinese residents to dinner at Government House.

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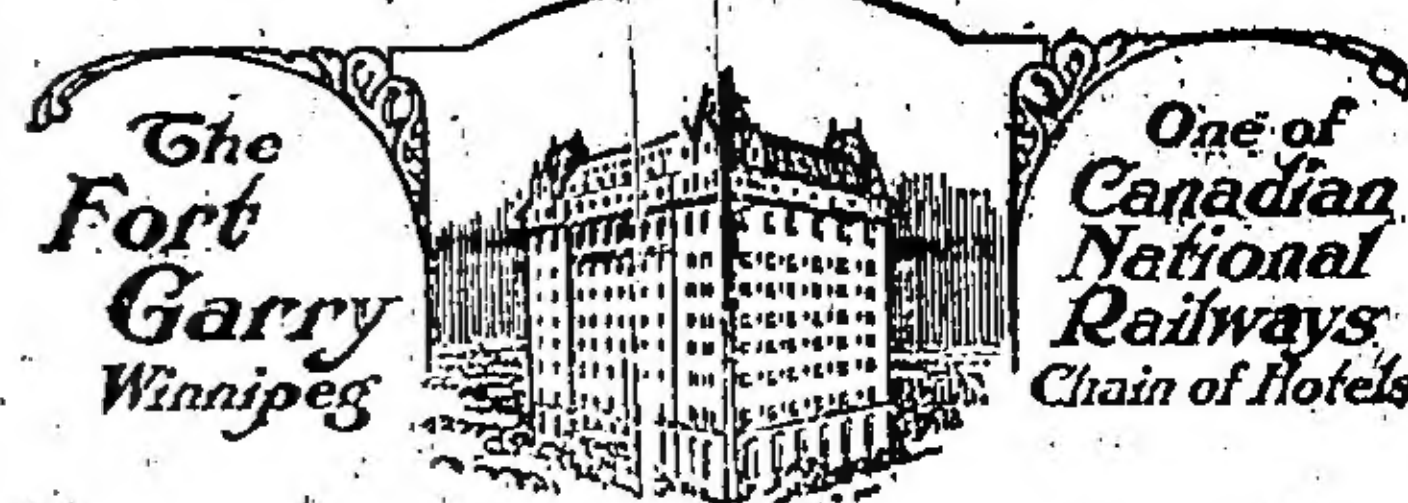
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A Reiter cable from Chicago received here this morning announces that Jack Dempsey will meet Firpo in a return match on March 15.



Norman H. Davis, Under Secretary of State in the Wilson Administration, who has announced he will accept the offer of the League of Nations to serve as Chairman of a new commission which is to decide the international problem growing out of the territory of Memel.



William H. Anderson, New York state superintendent of the Anti-Slavery League, who was recently sentenced in New York on a charge of third degree forgery, arising from irregularities in the accounts of the League.



President Schacht of the Reichsbank of Germany. He was recently before the reparations experts in regard to Germany's financial condition.

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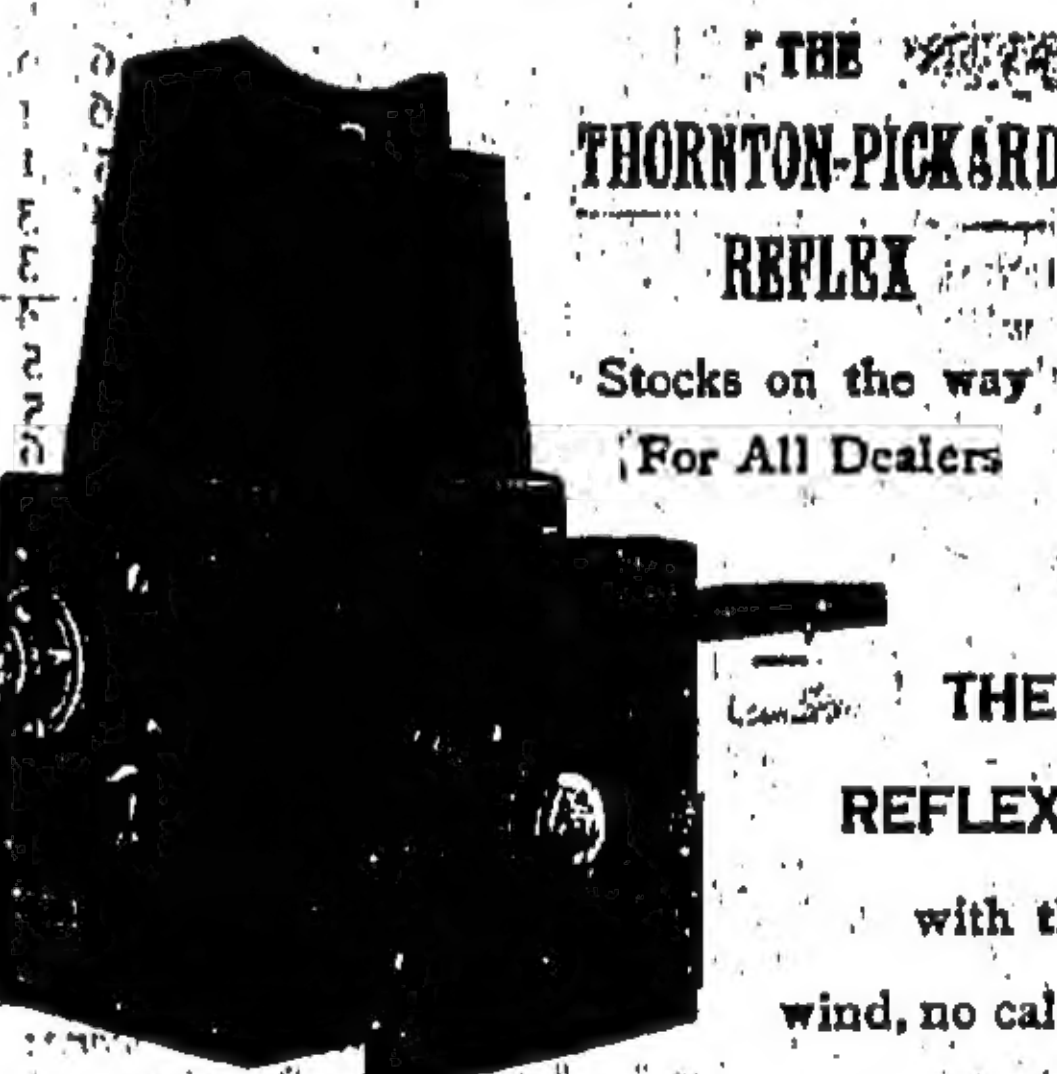
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NOTICE TO SHIPPERS AND PASSENGERS.

FROM BANGKOK.

Mar. 17—J.C.J.L. Sawah Lento.
19—E.A. Bantang.
20—E.A. Bantang.

FROM SHANGHAI.

Mar. 20—J.C.J.L. Tjibodas.

FROM MANILA.

Mar. 14—U.S.S.B. West Vn.
Apr. 10—U.S.S.B. West Chops.

FROM JAPAN.

Mar. 24—O.S.B. Shapko Maru.

FROM JAVA.

Mar. 17—J.C.J.L. Tjibodas.
19—J.C.J.L. Tjibodas.
20—J.C.J.L. Tjibodas.

FROM BOMBAY.

Mar. 14—N.Y.K. Zenan Maru.

FROM CALCUTTA.

Mar. 21—B.L. Talam.

FROM SYDNEY AND ADELAIDE.

Mar. 16—P. & S. Chagha.
18—E.A. Easton.
19—E.A. Easton.
20—E.A. Easton.

FROM SEATTLE, VANCOUVER AND ANCHORAGE.

Mar. 14—B.F. Achille.
15—B.F. Achille.
16—B.F. Achille.
17—B.F. Achille.
18—B.F. Achille.
19—B.F. Achille.
20—B.F. Achille.

FROM SAN FRANCISCO AND LOS ANGELES.

Mar. 22—U.S.S.B. West Cajon.
FROM FRISCO, HONOLULU, ROBE, SHAL.

FROM NEW YORK AND BOSTON.

Mar. 31—P.L. Moonish Prince.

FROM EUROPEAN PORTS.

Mar. 15—B.F. Achille.
16—B.F. Achille.
17—B.F. Achille.
18—B.F. Achille.
19—B.F. Achille.
20—B.F. Achille.

FROM MARSEILLES.

Mar. 24—M.M. Amherst.
Apr. 7—M.M. Amherst.

FROM LIVERPOOL.

Mar. 14—N.Y.K. Tjibodas.
16—N.Y.K. Tjibodas.
18—N.Y.K. Tjibodas.
20—N.Y.K. Tjibodas.

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Sakaki, Des Vaux Road Central, from Wokamun.
Tang Wei Pak 35 Koo Tze, from Shanghai.
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E. V. JESSEN, Superintendent.
Hongkong, 21st February, 1924.

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M. E. F. AIRY, Superintendent.
Hongkong, 28th February, 1924.

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HONGKONG TIDES.

The tide-table given below has been compiled at the National Almanac Office in London from the result of the analysis of observations taken by means of an automatic tide-recording machine in the Water Police Basin at Tsim Sha Tsui during the years 1908-9.

The zero of the table corresponds with the zero of the sounding in the Admiralty Chart, which has been found to be 4 feet below mean sea-level.

To obtain the depth of water on the tide gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard add 8 feet 4 inches, and on the gauge at Lamont Dock, Aberdeen, add 10 feet 4 inches to the heights given in the table.

March 4 to 10, 1924.

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